

GUIDE TO REQUIREMENTS OF IDAHO SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION LAW FOR

GRADES Pre-K – 12

School Entry in Idaho

REFERENCE Section 39-4801, Idaho Code; Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Rules, IDAPA 16, Title 02, Chapter 15, "Immunization Requirements for Idaho School Children".

INSTRUCTIONS Parents must present their child's Immunization Record prior to attendance at public, private, or parochial school in Idaho. Copy the full date (day/month/year) of each shot onto the Idaho School Health Form and then determine if the child is up to date. Health Forms are available through the Idaho Immunization Program. As the school official, it is your responsibility to follow up regularly until all required shots have been received.

IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIRED TO ATTEND SCHOOL IN IDAHO	Vaccine Type	Immunizations (Shots) Required
	DTaP	4 doses at any age (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis)
	Polio	3 doses at any age
	MMR	1 dose given on or after the 1 st birthday (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)
	Hepatitis B	3 doses at any age (All children born on or after November 22, 1991)

Note: An additional dose of DTaP, Polio, and MMR is highly recommended for all school age children. Chickenpox (Varicella) and Hepatitis A vaccination are also recommended. A booster dose of Td for all students age 11-18 is strongly encouraged. To protect students and prevent outbreaks, school officials should promote these additional immunizations whenever possible.

CONDITIONAL ADMISSION All children must present an immunization record prior to attendance. No child shall attend school without proof of immunization status. Students lacking one or more required vaccine doses, but not currently due for a dose, may be admitted on the condition that they receive the remaining dose at the first possible, recommended date. If the maximum time interval has passed, the student must be excluded from school until the immunization(s) has/have been received.

WHEN NEXT SHOTS ARE DUE (ACCELERATED SCHEDULE)	Polio #2, #3 ..	.4 weeks - 2 months after previous dose
	DTaP #2, #3 ..	.4 weeks - 2 months after previous dose
	DTaP #46 months after the 3 rd dose
	HepB #24 weeks - 2 months after first dose
	HepB #38 weeks after 2 nd dose and 4 months after first dose

EXEMPTIONS Idaho law allows a parent/guardian to claim exemption from immunization requirements for their child based on religious or personal beliefs. A medical exemption will be granted for those children who present a letter from their physician stating that the child has a medical condition preventing them from receiving required vaccinations. The law does not allow parents/guardians to elect an exemption because the shot record is lost or incomplete, or because it is too much trouble to contact the physician or clinic and obtain a copy. For those children with an exemption, a signed exemption affidavit (available through the State Immunization Program) or physician letter must be on file for the child. (Section 39-4802, Idaho Code)

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	DTaP #2, #3	4 weeks - 2 months after previous dose
	DTaP #4	6 months after the 3 rd dose
	HepB #2	4 weeks - 2 months after first dose
	HepB #3	8 weeks after 2 nd dose and 4 months after first dose

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